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To who it may concern,

I believe the proposed United States versus Microsoft Settlement does not "level the playing field" between Microsoft (the monopolist) and other computer software vendors as any settlement should.

I feel that any proposed settlement or court remedy should entail Microsoft:

- > to fully comply with software community open standards in their respective markets.
- > for those Microsoft products where there isn't a community open standard, Microsoft should sponsor an independent standards organization, a new standards body. Microsoft shouldn't lead such standards body unless the majority of the voting members elect Microsoft without regard to financial or other direct compensation by Microsoft.

By this remedy, I feel the software community in general will have a "level playing field", while yet allowing Microsoft an opportunity to innovate as long as its above and beyond the community open standard. Over time the community open standards will evolve to include new features, of which Microsoft will have to comply, and yet still have an opportunity to innovate by restarting the cycle of incorporating changes that go above and beyond the community open standard.

Thanks for your time.

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